



10 Ways TO GROW A READER

1. Read to your child every day. It is never too early to plant the reading seed – even your newborn will respond to hearing you read.

2. Nurture reading growth by continuing to read together even after your child learns to read.

Older children still enjoy listening to stories. Choose chapter books and classics for older children that will make your child's vocabulary bloom.

3. Make stories come alive for your child when you read. Be animated, be silly, and use different voices. Pick some of your childhood favorites to share with your little one.

4. Be patient. Let your child read aloud at his or her own speed. Always offer positive encouragement. Make an appointment for your child to read aloud to a real dog in the library's Paws to Read program.

5. Discuss books you read together. Ask questions and listen attentively to your child's answers. Allow your child to think and express his or her opinion about a book.

6. Make reading time a special time. Cuddle up in a quiet, comfortable spot. Your child will associate reading with feeling secure, relaxed and loved.

7. Encourage your child to read at least 15 minutes a day, either to you or independently. Sprinkle books around your child's room at home.

8. Take along your child's favorite books when you go on vacation or run errands. This is a wonderful way to pass the time while waiting for an appointment.

9. Visit the library regularly and encourage your child to check out all types of books. Pick from the incredible array of wonderful books for children.

10. Be a good role model by letting your child see you reading. Your child will learn that books are not only a great source of information, but are also fun to read for pleasure.

Remember: By encouraging your child to read, you are helping to ensure school success.

BOOKS IN OUR COLLECTION YOU MAY ALSO FIND HELPFUL:

100 Easy Ways to Get Your Kid Reading
by Kathleen Duey (PARENTING 372.414 DUE)

Baby Read-Aloud Basics
by Caroline J. Blakemore
(PARENTING 372.4 BLA)

**Complete Idiot's Guide to Reading With
Your Child**
by Helen Coronato
(PARENTING 649.58 COR)

Great Minds Start Little: A Guide for Parents
by Marcy Kelman (PARENTING 649.122 KEL)

The Read Aloud Handbook
by Jim Trelease (372.452 TRE)

Reading Magic
by Mem Fox (PARENTING 649.58 FOX)

Rocket Your Child Into Reading
by Jackie French (PARENTING 649.68 FRE)

**Starting Out Right: A Guide to Promoting
Children's Reading Success**
by the National Research Council
(PARENTING 372.1 STA)

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<http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/>

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